Dewan's reply.—The objection taken is theoretically correct. Practically the difference is small, the overcharge complained of amounting to $\frac{1}{256}$th of the assessment, and in some cases to less. This can hardly be appreciable.

Subject No. 132.
Khadda operations required in Shimoga District.

Summary of discussion.—Khadda operations should be extended to the Shimoga District for the destruction of wild elephants which at present are very destructive to crops. Jungles close to the roads should be cleared.

Dewan's reply.—Inquiries show that Khadda operations in the Shimoga District will not be successful or remunerative. We shall issue licenses for entrapping elephants in pits or killing such as are troublesome.

Subject No. 133.
Refund of half Court-fees in suits compromised out of Court.

Summary of discussion.—In suits compromised out of Courts, half the stamp duty should be refunded to the parties as is done in the Madras Presidency.

Dewan's reply.—This has been represented before. It will be considered.

Subject No. 134.
Patels and Shanbhogs should be eligible to vote and be elected for Dasara Representative Assembly, though they are Government servants.

Summary of discussion.—The rule prohibits election of Government servants as Members of the Representative Assembly. Shanbhogs and Patels are the largest landholders in this (the Shimoga) District. Definite instructions are necessary as to whether such Patels and Shanbhogs should be excluded or should be treated as exceptions.

Dewan's reply.—The offices of Patels and Shanbhogs were not meant to be included under the words "Salaried appointment under Government" in Rule 6 of the Rules issued with Notification No. 76, dated 14th May 1891. It does not appear that any District officers understood otherwise as several Patels and Shanbhogs have been included in the lists of qualified persons which District officers have sent up, and some of them have been elected for the Assembly. The speaker who introduced the subject, who is a Patel, is himself an example of this. We shall, however, issue an explanatory order on the point.

Subject No. 135.
The "Black creeper" should be free for raiyat's use.

Summary of discussion.—Black creepers (Karihambinaballi) used for building purposes are included among minor produce sold. The revenue derived therefrom is very small and it should be excluded.

NOTE.—The Deputy Commissioner explained that *Malviballi* was sold last year and this year for a trifle of Rs. 2. One Ranganna of the town applied for it and got it and put the Lambanis that used to bring the creeper under certain restraints. Hence the complaint. *Malviballi* seems to be the *Karihambinaballi* referred to in the proposal.

Dewan's reply.—It shall be excluded from next year from the minor forest produce liable to be sold.